

MINUTES
CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
Wednesday, February 21, 1996

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Jones. He welcomed those present and thanked Lee Sim and others from his office for being present.

Chairman Jones asked Secretary LaRee Garfield to read the Minutes of the 1995 meeting. He then called for a discussion of the Minutes. Kerry Carpenter commented that the reference made to the "State requiring about 40%" should probably read "State suggests 40%." With that correction, Joe Melling moved for approval of the Minutes; Dee Mackelprang seconded; Minutes approved as corrected.

Chairman Jones then asked Lee Sim to review the 1995 Financial Statement. Mr. Sim reported that we started 1995 with a balance of \$10,433.87. We had receipts totaling \$8,757.36 and expenditures in the amount of \$8,975.95, leaving a balance of \$10,215.28 as of December 31, 1995.

The 1995 Budget Expenditures were reviewed. We were right on budget with the exception of the Miscellaneous Expenses. Additional expenses were incurred because two seminars for Commissioners were held in 1995 because no seminars will be held in 1996. We were over \$136.95 in the total budget. The assessment last year was \$7,500.00.

The delinquent accounts were reviewed. The George Pergin account has now been paid. The delinquent accounts are down this year, and Chairman Jones commented that some will be paid tonight. Clemont Adams commented that Greg Show now owns the Whitten property, and Keith Smith's bill should now be sent to Neil Adams at 2179 Cottontail Dr. in Cedar City. Chairman Jones then called for a motion to approve the Financial Statement. Earl Kenney so moved; Paul Nelson seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Jones then asked Commissioner Mel Baldwin to present his Commissioner's Report. Mel reported that 1995 was an exceptionally good water year as far as Coal Creek was concerned. The creek held up very well through July. The stream flow for 1995 was approximately 53,606

acre feet compared to 21,164 acre feet in 1994.

The creek peaked on June 4, 1995, at approximately 762 cubic feet per second. The late date for the creek to peak was due to a very cool spring and early summer, which also caused the creek to hold up very well through most of the summer. We still had some high water as late as July 20, 1995. This is almost unheard of. Despite the good stream flow, we had a very dry summer and fall, and so far a very dry winter which does not look good for the 1996 water year.

Our current inventory as of February 21, 1996 includes: 1 IBM Electric typewriter, SN 6548935, 1 H.P. Model 25 calculator, SN 1502A02235, and 1 4-drawer file cabinet.

Chairman Jones then called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. Clemont moved for acceptance of the report and commended Mel on the fine job he had done; Joe Melling seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Jones stated that it was now necessary to set a budget for 1996. Earl Kenney suggested that the budget we used last year should work this year as well, especially since Mel will not be traveling to Salt Lake for a seminar this year. Clemont moved that we drop the assessment another \$1,000.00 this year since we have a rather large cushion, making the 1996 assessment \$6,500.00; Rue Gene Rollo seconded; motion carried.

Chairman Jones then stated that it was time to recommend a Commissioner for 1996. Paul Lunt moved that we retain Mel for another year; Earl Kenney seconded; motion carried.

The names of the Chairman and the Directors were reviewed. Rue Gene Rollo moved that we retain the present Chairman and Directors; Paul Lunt seconded; motion carried. Brent Jones will remain as Chairman, with Directors Paul Nelson, Bud Garfield, and Tom Cardon.

Lee Sim discussed the Milford project of having the water users keeping their meters repaired and in working order. This has not worked very well, as quite a few of the users will not assume this responsibility. Next week, the users in Milford will be voting on two proposals: (1) The meters will be owned and maintained by the Water Commissioner. If this proposal passes, every meter in the Milford valley will be replaced. The

Commissioner will decide where the meters will be located to get an accurate reading. An irrigation district in Idaho has used this method, with the Water Commissioner being a full time employee for about six months of the year. Only one or two types of meters are used. This is a very expensive alternative. (2) There would be a change in the way the water is regulated. Each year, before the middle of June, aerial photos would be taken and compared with the actual acres being watered as compared to the water rights owned by each user. Those watering more acres than the water rights allow would be ordered to discontinue watering the overage. The water users would pay the cost of the aerial photos each year. The Commissioner's duties would be considerably reduced and would be a much less expensive alternative. The decision in Milford will be made next Wednesday. Once this decision is made, the State will move to the Beryl/Enterprise area, and some day, they will come to the Cedar Valley. Clemont commented that he was the Water Commissioner for a long time, and he could never get people to fix their meters. Lee commented that in the Milford system, maintenance of the meters would be part of the system assessment. Paul Lunt asked if the Commissioner could be deputized, and Lee commented that we would probably have a hard time getting Commissioners if that were the case. Lee said that they are looking at the possibility of giving the State authority to shut wells down, but so far that has not happened. Mel said that finding parts for the meters is a problem for a lot of the water users. Lee said they will keep us informed as to what happens in Milford.

Sam Bauer asked if anything is being done about moving the weir on Main Street. Paul Nelson said that he has not heard anything about this for over two years. Kerry said that the time may be right to move the weir, as the County intends to build a visitors' center on this property, and there may be some liability as the number of visitors increase and with the creek being so close to the property. Paul Lunt said that right now Old Field does not have a ditch, so they are withholding payment until the City assures them that water can be delivered to each user.

Earl Kenney moved for adjournment; Paul Nelson seconded; Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.